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Northford Steeple Coming Week of February 24th

Now that the steel base is in place along with the permanent roof and bell platform, the bell tower and steeple are scheduled to be delivered and installed during the week of February 24, weather permitting. Campbellsville Industries and Petra Construction will work together to install the bell tower, place the bell inside it, and then install/attach the steeple. This last step is reputed to take place in one day! Once the church has been notified of a date during that week, it will be posted on our website and Facebook page

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Alan Davis Shining Stars 2020

Tickets Are Going Fast

The North Branford Education Foundation will be honoring four community servants with the Alan Davis Shining Star Award. The dinner will take place at Seasons in East Haven, on Thursday, March 26th beginning at 6:00.

There will be a full dinner with appetizers and a cash bar. Tickets are only \$50 per person and can be purchased by calling Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254.

Honorees below are Brian Lynch, David Palumbo, Tom Simith and Marcey Onofrio. For complete information visit our website at northbranfordeducationfoundation.org

Ed Foundation Names Castaldi VP



The North Branford Education Foundation recently named Bruno Castaldi as their new vice president. Castaldi has been on the Board of the Foundation for several years and he is a former recipient of the Shining Star Award for his many philanthropic endeavors in the community.

Cohen Supports Bill To Lower Insulin Prices

Press Release: State Senator Christine Cohen joined the co-chairs of the legislature's Insurance & Real Estate Committee to announce a new bill that will cap the cost of insulin for Connecticut patients and will even allow for access to insulin on an emergency basis without a doctor's prescription.

"One in four insulin patients aren't using enough insulin to remain healthy. People are suffering, and we need action now to combat insulin price increases. Thanks to the leadership of the Insurance Committee, that is exactly what this bill does," said Sen. Cohen. "While Senate Bill 1 is a priority for Senate Democrats, I'm pleased that this legislative proposal is receiving widespread, bipartisan support. Diabetes doesn't recognize political party lines, and we need to be working across the aisle to ensure this comes to fruition."

Senate Bill 1 contains several provisions to help diabetes patients and their families including:

- Capping insulin costs including for all insulin and diabetes supplies at \$100/month. This would be the toughest cap in the country.
- Allowing patients to go to a pharmacist up to three times a year on an emergency basis to get insulin filled without a prescription.
- Using a fund created by unused prescriptions the Department of Social Services to fund a new program to assist low-income type 1 diabetics access insulin.
- Releasing specific bill language is the next step in the legislative process following the announcement last month by the Senate Democrats that lower insulin prices for Connecticut residents is their number one priority this session.

The legislation is being introduced as exorbitant insulin price increases are severely impacting diabetes patients in Connecticut. According to Health Care Cost Institute, the cost of insulin nearly tripled between 2002 and 2013, then doubled again from 2012 to 2016.

Senate Bill 1 will help the approximately 10 percent of Connecticut's adult population that has diabetes to afford life-saving insulin without having to adopt the unsafe practice of rationing their medicine. Diabetes is the seventh-leading cause of death in Connecticut.

"We have two goals with this legislation. One is saving money for families who need insulin in Connecticut, and the other is saving lives," said state Senator Matt Lesser (D-Middletown), who is Senate Chair of the Insurance & Real Estate Committee. "No one in Connecticut should die because they need insulin. In addition to capping costs, this bill helps families affected by skyrocketing insulin prices. For people on high-deductible plans, new federal guidance allows people to start accessing insulin and diabetic supplies at dollar one, before meeting their high deductible, so that is no longer a barrier to seeking care. We're also seeking to create an emergency fund for people around Connecticut who have fallen through the cracks – like Logan Smith of Minnesota, who died because he turned 26, fell off his parents' health plan and couldn't afford the insulin he needed to stay alive. We're also creating an emergency provision so if you are in diabetic shock, you can go to a pharmacist up to three times per year to get insulin without a prescription."

"The cost of insulin is out of control, and this bill will ensure that Connecticut residents finally have access to affordable insulin," said Rep. Sean Scanlon (d-Guilford), who is House Chair of the Insurance & Real Estate Committee. "By capping the cost of insulin and insulin supplies at \$100 per month, Connecticut will have the lowest insulin costs in the country and diabetics will no longer have to worry about affording the medicine they need to survive."

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“Branching Out”

Local photographer Nick Carlino has announced that his photograph (above) has been accepted by the Zahn Gallery for exhibition. The opening reception will be on Thursday, March 12 from 6-8 PM.

The gallery is located at Middlesex Health, Shoreline Medical Center.

Mr. Carlino is a retired school teacher who has lived in North Branford for more than twenty five years.

He has also had exhibits in both public libraries in town.



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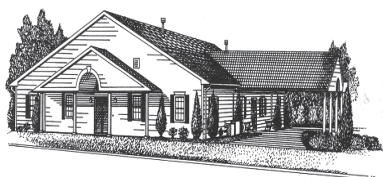
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Full House of Issues on Tap in the Legislature



The bill proposals are filed, committee meetings are underway, and the public hearing calendar is taking shape. Yes, the 2020 legislative session here.

I'll continue my work with the committees on Finance, Public Health, General Law, and Legislative Management. Early days have produced a diverse set of topics that'll

be under consideration between now and when the session ends May 6, from controlling the cost of insulin to sports betting.

Naturally, the state budget casts a large shadow on everything we do. A big part of the legislature's job is to adjust the second-year of the two-year budget that was approved last spring. The governor struck an optimistic tone on the session's opening day, and while I remain concerned about our state's fiscal policy and antagonistic attitude toward business, I'm always hopeful that the legislature's majority party will begin to take steps to right the ship.

Budget and economy aside, there's a bunch of topics I'm digging into this session. Among them is the need to give victims of domestic abuse easier access to financial assistance. Women trying to leave abusive situations often find it difficult to qualify for the critical state aid they need because their spouse's income is factored during the application process. Unfortunately, that administrative hurdle can be enough to cause some women to stay in a dangerous situation because they don't have the financial resources to cover their living expenses. I'm supporting legislation that would allow victims to apply for temporary state services without being required to list their spouse's income. A case review would be held within 90 days of the initial application.

If you've read any of my recent columns here, you've likely noticed my interest in issues tied to government transparency. My colleagues and I started the session by asking majority party leadership to:

- hold a public hearing on the final budget bill;
- require a vote in order to conduct business after midnight;
- give residents a better shot of being heard earlier at public hearings.

I'll continue to seek greater transparency in quasi-public entities, such as the troubled Connecticut Port Authority, and the Connecticut Partnership for Education—a public-private partnership backed by billionaire Ray Dalio that uses millions in state dollars yet enjoys freedom to conduct board discussions in private sessions.

An omnibus bill last year that contained good policy related to liquor control unfortunately came with a negative side effect for Connecticut farm wineries. The legislation could empower a new class of wine manufacturers who aren't required to grow their ingredients, allowing those businesses to simply buy thousands of gallons of out-of-state wine, bottle it, label it, and sell it as if it's a locally-produced gem. It's an unfair situation that should be rectified before the legislation is implemented this summer.

Finally, I find there aren't many places I go where someone doesn't share concern about teen vaping. School administrators are grappling with the epidemic, and few would say they're gaining ground in the fight. I'm glad the governor has shown concern about the topic. I'll push to move sales of flavored vaping products out of convenience stores—they should be sold exclusively at smoke/vape shops, where I believe there are stronger efforts to keep them away from kids.

As always, if you have questions about these topics or any other issue tied to state government, feel free to contact my office at 800-842-1423 or vincent.candelora@housegop.ct.gov.

Let's Be "Frank"

So brother, as I write this letter to you, I might also address a few Facebook friends and concerns.

With my limited mobility I have spent more time on Facebook, which seems to be (as they say) a blessing and a curse. I have found two groups that have been very rewarding.

The first one is called Wooster Square Cooks, and you would love it. It's people who like to cook and many of them are from your old neighborhood but even some from the Hill, (my boyhood neighborhood). The stories are great as they often touch our boyhood memories but for food lovers like ourselves the recipes are even better.

Some of the recipes are exactly how mom use to make them and some carry derivations of her old school cooking. I must admit I can cook a lot of stuff but I am hard pressed to match her bracciole, soffritto and meatballs. I've even tried some of the, recipes on this site to add to my own menus. The best part of this group is that now that you guys have left me without my childhood history experts, this site is pretty good for asking questions about; the old neighborhood, the customs and the people.

Speaking of old times, I also hooked up with Notre Dame High School class of '74 community. I have mixed emotions about this one. It's both uplifting and depressing at the same time. It's nice to see how some of the guys made out. But listening to the horror stories of dying spouses, body part replacements, divorces and illnesses is also somewhat depressing. It is nice though to hear about their grandchildren and their families and even (more than I want to hear about) their pets.

What I do find unnecessary on Facebook, are those who continue to tell us about their day to day activities no matter how mundane they are. I don't care where you are eating or what you are eating or what you are wearing as you eat, unless you are on an island or a resort and you want to share a special experience. Some people think the best part of my day is knowing they had bacon and eggs for breakfast, or the fact that they know the temperature for today and the next ten days (like I don't have a weather app on my phone). They even tell us what time they are going to bed. Some time you get so disinterested in the useless knowledge they spew, that you miss the important stuff they might be telling you about.

Facebook is a great place to hook up and talk with old friends or friends who no longer live in this area, but to the ones who live down the street, I know what the temperature is.

With Facebook, texting and e-mails it takes me back to the days of mom and dad. When mom needed to tell the old man something she forgot, she'd have us run three blocks down the street to the store or to where he was working or to the park, and bring him the message. He wasn't much of a reader so she couldn't write a note. She had to depends on us to get the message right. Heaven help us if we got it wrong or he misunderstood it. I couldn't picture the old man reading or writing a text or even hearing a cell phone ringing in his pocket and figuring out how to answer it.

We had a great time the other night at the Sons & Daughters of Italy. The men cooked for the women for Valentines Day. It was fun being in the kitchen without the women telling us what we were doing wrong. We cooked, we told uncensored jokes and the wine that was flowing was red and wet (as our president would say).

The men enjoyed it. The women enjoyed being served and it was a great and inexpensive night. It's a great group (thank you Neil for getting me involved) and I urge anyone interested in having some fun while doing good for the communtiy to consider joining. Anyone interested can call me at the phone number on this page.

That's all for now. Give the family my love and I'll see you soon.

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Presidents' Day as we know it.

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents' Day 2020 occurs on Monday, February 17. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following the death of [George Washington](#) in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance.

At the time, Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration.

While Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday. Senator Steven Wallace Dorsey of [Arkansas](#) was the first to propose the measure, and in 1879 President [Rutherford B. Hayes](#) signed it into law.

The holiday initially only applied to the District of Columbia, but in 1885 it was expanded to the whole country. At the time, Washington's Birthday joined four other nationally recognized federal bank holidays—[Christmas Day](#), [New Year's Day](#), the [Fourth of July](#) and [Thanksgiving](#)—and was the first to celebrate the life of an individual American. [Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#), signed into law in 1983, was the second.

The shift from Washington's Birthday to Presidents' Day began in the late 1960s, when Congress proposed a measure known as the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. Championed by Senator Robert McClory of [Illinois](#), this law sought to shift the celebration of several federal holidays from specific dates to a series of predetermined Mondays.

The proposed change was seen by many as a novel way to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers, and it was believed that ensuring holidays always fell on the same weekday would reduce employee absenteeism. While some argued that shifting holidays from their original dates would cheapen their meaning, the bill also had widespread support from both the private sector and [labor unions](#) and was seen as a surefire way to bolster retail sales.

The Uniform Monday Holiday Act also included a provision to combine the celebration of Washington's birthday with that of [Abraham Lincoln](#), which fell on February 12. Lincoln's Birthday had long been a state holiday in places like Illinois, and many supported joining the two days as a way of giving equal recognition to two of America's most famous statesmen.

McClory was among the measure's major proponents, and he even floated the idea of renaming the holiday Presidents' Day. This proved to be a point of contention for lawmakers from George Washington's home state of [Virginia](#), and the proposal was eventually dropped.

Nevertheless, the main piece of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act passed in 1968 and officially took effect in 1971 following an executive order from President [Richard M. Nixon](#). Washington's Birthday was then shifted from the fixed date of February 22 to the third Monday of February. [Columbus Day](#), [Memorial Day](#) and [Veterans Day](#) were also moved from their traditionally designated dates. (As a result of widespread criticism, in 1980 Veterans Day was returned to its original November 11 date.)

Did you know? Presidents' Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Four chief executives—George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan—were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.

While Nixon's order plainly called the newly placed holiday Washington's Birthday, it was not long before the shift to Presidents' Day began.

The move away from February 22 led many to believe that the new date was intended to honor both Washington and Lincoln, as it now fell between their two birthdays. Marketers soon jumped at the opportunity to play up the three-day weekend with sales, and "Presidents' Day" bargains were advertised at stores around the country.

By the mid-1980s, Washington's Birthday was known to many Americans as Presidents' Day. This shift had solidified in the early 2000s, by which time as many as half the 50 states had changed the holiday's name to Presidents' Day on their calendars.

Some states have even chosen to customize the holiday by adding new figures to the celebration. Arkansas, for instance, celebrates Washington as well as civil rights activist Daisy Gatson Bates. [Alabama](#), meanwhile, uses Presidents' Day to commemorate Washington and [Thomas Jefferson](#) (who was born in April).

Washington and Lincoln still remain the two most recognized leaders,

Duck Soup

If you were on trial, being prosecuted for a crime and the prosecution rested after 18 witnesses without proving its case, would YOU ask for more witnesses?

The House prosecutors presented a case based on an anonymous accusation, presented 18 witnesses, withheld one, introduced nothing but hearsay, denied the defendant any opportunity to present evidence and failed to prove or charge any crime or misdemeanor. When the Senate defense team voted to reject additional evidence, the House prosecutors claimed it wasn't fair. Mitt Romney said we needed additional evidence but then voted to convict Trump on the completely unproven, non-crime.

Some legal and factual sanity: The Democrats' articles of impeachment sought to remove a sitting president for exercising lawful executive power, disregarded separation of powers and failed to charge an impeachable offense. Trump was impeached for exercising lawful executive powers when he pursued an investigation of Joe Biden based on Biden's 2018 videotaped brag of violating the 1998 US-Ukraine Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters when he claimed he forced Ukraine to fire it's chief prosecutor. Because of Biden's brag the US and Ukraine were arguably compelled to investigate that breach of international protocol. The notion that a president can be impeached for complying with a treaty certainly undermines the rule of law.

Article II Section 4 of our Constitution required charges for "high crimes and misdemeanors" and a "conviction" in the Senate. Conviction is a term unique and specific to a **crime**. Clinton, for example, was impeached on 12 separate and specific criminal charges, including perjury. "Abuse of power" is not a crime, so that charge was null and void from the get go because without a crime there can be no conviction and by extension no impeachment and no need to disprove a "non-crime."

Anyone who followed *Fast and Furious* in 2012 knows that, like Trump in 2020, Obama claimed executive privilege over DOJ records when AG Holder was held in contempt for failing to produce them. To overcome the privilege the House filed a lawsuit so the judiciary could resolve the matter. Yet, when Trump asserted the same privilege in 2019 the House chose neither to subpoena the records nor to override the claim in federal court. Instead, the House impeached the President for exercising executive privilege. Any recognition of Trump's impeachment for his exercise of executive privilege would also recognize that Obama committed an impeachable offense, mangling the balance of powers and our rule of law by making the lawful exercise of executive power grounds for impeachment.

Back in September, 2017, Mad Max Waters declared, "Impeachment is about whatever the Congress says it is. There is no law that dictates impeachment." You can't make this stuff up; the impeachment proceedings in the House and Senate seemed like a Marx Brothers' movie.

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Guagliumi Collage at Smith Library

Arthur Guagliumi is displaying an exhibit of [Collage Variations](#) at the Edward Smith Library in Northford. The exhibit will extend through the month of February. The exhibit features smaller examples of various approaches to collage making. A resident of North Branford, Guagliumi has exhibited his artworks in Manhattan and the East Coast for the last 60 years. He is currently represented in the [Annual Connecticut Artists](#) at the Slater memorial Museum in Norwich, the Guilford Community Center, and Nataz Restaurant in North Branford. This past year his collages have been shown at the Guilford Art Expo, Clinton Art League, Mystic Art Association, Connecticut Watercolor Society, Wesleyan Potters in Middletown and the Coastal Arts Annual in Milford. He retired in 2016 from Southern Connecticut State University where he was professor of art and art education and coordinator of the art teacher certification program. He has also taught collage media at the Guilford Art Center.

but Presidents' Day is now popularly seen as a day to recognize the lives and achievements of all of America's chief executives. Some lawmakers have objected to this view, arguing that grouping George Washington and Abraham Lincoln together with less successful presidents minimizes their legacies.

Congressional measures to restore Washington and Lincoln's individual birthdays were proposed during the early 2000s, but all failed to gain much attention. For its part, the federal government has held fast to the original incarnation of the holiday as a celebration of the country's first president. The third Monday in February is still listed on official calendars as Washington's Birthday.

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Southwest Conservation District Leads Farm River Watershed Planning Project

The Southwest Conservation District (District) has contracted with the CT Council on Soil and Water Conservation (Council) to lead the development of a management plan for the Farm River watershed. The \$74,000 awarded for this project is part of a larger source water (drinking water supply) protection grant provided to the Council by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation (NRCS) and will be matched by funds and in-kind services locally provided by the District (\$20,000) and the Regional Water Authority(RWA) (\$50,000) respectively. This planning effort will take place over the next year and is actively seeking public input from stakeholders and interested citizens.

The Farm River watershed is in south central Connecticut and provides approximately 10% of the region’s drinking water. RWA supplies 45 million gallons of water a day to a population of 430,000 people. The Farm River flows directly into Long Island Sound, making it critical for protecting that natural treasure. The study area for this project is located in the Towns of Branford, North Branford, East Haven, and Guilford, and features a mix of urban, suburban, and rural land uses. This medium sized watershed is approximately 16,300 acres in size with approximately 8,500 acres in agricultural and forested lands.

In late 2018, the Farm River watershed was selected by NRCS, as one of 15 watersheds nationwide to participate in a National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) pilot for source water protection. NRCS followed up this announcement by hosting a series of stakeholder meetings last year that included representatives from local municipalities, water utilities, health departments, non-governmental agencies, and interested residents. The effort has also been supported by the CT Dept. of Public Health (CT DPH), the CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) source water program. These initial meetings identified the need to develop a watershed plan that addressed both urban and agricultural nonpoint source pollution and would protect both drinking water and Long Island Sound. With these goals in place, the Council was able to secure NRCS funding, including the match, to move forward with the project work.

“The Southwest Conservation District is excited to work with the various stakeholders to develop a watershed management plan for the Farm River” stated Chris Sullivan, Executive Director. “Once it is completed, this plan will open up additional federal funding to help us improve water quality and protect natural resources in this important watershed.”

Chris Malik, Watershed Manager with CT DEEP, works closely with EPA’s 319 nonpoint source pollution program and saw the opportunity to work together with USDA on this project. “I am happy that USDA is allowing the planning effort to focus on the entire watershed and not just agriculture lands” explained Malik. “Coordinating NWQI and 319 planning makes sense both environmentally and economically.”

This is not the first planning effort on the Farm River. In 2011 a “Source Water Protection Plan” was completed for the Farm River Watershed by the Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association (ASRWWA) and funded by the EPA. The Regional Water Authority has participated in these previous planning efforts and is committed to updating and coordinating that work with this latest planning initiative. “We look forward to working with the watershed’s stakeholders in developing the Management Plan for the Farm River Watershed. This planning document will outline the course for a healthier watershed.” said Ron Walters a Senior Environmental Analyst with RWA.

The Town of North Branford has also focused on the Farm River in land use planning and has consistently included actions to protect the Farm River in their Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). In the most recent POCD adopted in 2019, some specific strategies of preserving the River and its valley includes protecting the upland areas around the river, improving water quality, and developing a watershed management plan. Additionally, the Town of North Branford’s Conservation and Inland Wetlands and Waterways Agency (CIWWA) updated its regulations in 2015 expanding the regulated area around the Farm River from 100 feet to 200 feet in order to monitor more activities within the close proximity of the River.

“The Farm River is a significant resource to the Town of North Branford. The River traverses the entire length of the Town and provides essential habitat to numerous species of fish, birds, and other wildlife. The Town is excited to be a part of this highly skilled team working to develop a plan to help improve and protect the Farm River.” said Carey Duques, North Branford’s Town Planner.

A public information session will be held in the watershed to gather public input on the development of the plan and to gather local information on water quality and locations of potential impacts to the river. The session will be held later this spring. If you would like to be notified when the public information meeting is scheduled or are interested in protecting the Farm River and its water quality please contact Chris Sullivan at the Southwest Conservation District 203-859-7014 or csullivan@conservect.org.

Join the Sons & Daughters of Italy

It’s time to meet new people, get out of the house and enjoy different cultural events every month. The Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, meet on the first Tuesday of every month, in the Saint Frances Cabrini Church Hall in North Haven.

While maintaining many of the Italian-traditions, the ethnically diverse group has donated close to \$200,000 through its charitable giving programs.

Some of the groups we have supported are: The North Haven Education Foundation, North Haven High School Scholarship Fund, Alzheimer’s Research Associa-

Recycling News

Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program Started in North Branford in November

If you would like to participate in this program, please use the Simple Recycling pink bags you received with the program info. Fill with unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, small usable household items and more to help keep these items out of our trash.

Place bags next to your recycling bin at the curb on your regular trash pickup day by 7am.

A Simple Recycling truck will pick up your pink bags between 7am and 5pm and leave new bags.

If you have not received your program info in the mail, need additional bags or want to see a full list of accepted items, go to www.simplerecycling.com or email at info@simplerecycling.com

This program is free to our town and to our residents and offers an easy, convenient way to recycle.

Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday March 7, 2020 9:00 AM - Noon

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte 22)

Please do not leave e-waste (including TVs, computers, printers) curbside; it will not get picked up!

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane tanks* and batteries (rechargeable and alkaline).
Helium tanks no longer accepted.

Propane Tank Fees*	
1 lb (camping), 5 lb, 20 lb (std gas grill)	\$2
10 lb	\$5
30 lb	\$8
40 lb	\$10

Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents to bring electronics for recycling.

Located at 122 Avenue of Industry in Waterbury; no charge.

Hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Saturdays from 8:00 AM till Noon.

You may also attend another recycling event listed on their website; check under One-Day events for a date/location convenient for you.

For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website: take2recycle.com

**BULKY WASTE PICKUP (TWICE A YEAR)
Week of April 20th and November 9th on your scheduled pickup day
*No home cleanouts***

Earth Day 2020

Celebrate Earth Day’s 50th anniversary; this year’s theme is climate action.

Stay tuned for our town’s Earth Day date and more info.

tion of CT., Cooley’s Anemia Foundation, Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, Epilepsy Foundation of CT., Ronald McDonald House, MADD, Fisher House, American Cancer Society, Make a Wish Foundation, Local Food Banks and Youth Groups, care packages for our Military troops and many more.

Scheduled for 2020 are: Trivia Game Night, Valentine’s Dinner, Distiguated Citizen Awards Dinner, Golf Tournament, Horse Racing, Comedy Night, Friday Night Bocce Club, Family Movie nights, Fashion Show, Military Whist, Dominoes and additional events yet to be determined.

Do as much as you like or as little as you like and have fun doing it. Visit our website at www.northhavenlodge2805club or email us at: nhsdilodge2805@out-look.com or call Frank at 203-410-4254 for more information.

Dues is only \$45.00 per year with a one time \$15.00 Application Fee.

Start the new year off right by getting off the couch, meeting new friends and enjoying yourself in a pressure free atmosphere.

NORTH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL PERIOD II HONORS

HH 12TH GRADE

Aiken, Mairead
Barrett, Alexandra
Camp, Gerald
Cirivello, Jennifer
Cole, Emily
DeBarros, Charles
DeLucia, Joseph
Diaz, Enrique
Ferraiolo, Gianni
Galdenzi, Ava
Gall, Jenna
Gildersleeve, Britny
Helff, Marisa
Huisman, Victor
Klemme, Katherine
Lawson, Brian
LeBeau, Avonlea
Little, Frederick
Malavasi, Ariana
Marcarelli, Calley
Matthews, Jaime
McIntyre, Carlie
Muzyka, Megan
Norton, Melanie
Olsen, Emily
Pappolla, Jordan
Patel, Krish
Pearson, Annika
Pedersen, Katy
Perez, Alysha
Roof, Erika
Rosado, Alexie
Schreiber, Emma
Sorrentino, Carly
Sudusky, Stephanie
Teodoro, Amanda
Tomaso, Christian
Vitarisi, Rachel
Wang, Allison

HH 11TH GRADE

Anastasio, Sophie
Archer, Sachin
Brezicki, Brianna

Cacopardo, Adrianna
D'Aversa, Shawn
Didiano, Roberto
Dow, Catherine
Gibilisco, Gabrielle
Herassme, Christopher
Iuteri, Brianna
Jacobson, Kelli
Karsmarski, Marlana
Kendall, Riley
Maroulis, Vasilios
Melillo, Landon
Nuterangelo, Dominic
O'Neil, Kylie
Ouellet, Sophia
Preiss, Mallory
Raymond, Ava
Razouki, Yousif
Sabetta, Ethan
Shadman, Caroline
Sorrell, Alexis
Stanford, Jason
Stoner, Aidan
Valentino, Alessia
Votto, Sofia

HH 10TH GRADE

Brunschwig, Kaitlyn
Caso, Maissa
Chittenden, Zachary
Christiano, Jonathan
Cronan, Tyler
Danner, Jacob
Gomez, Nichole
Iuteri, Mila
LeBeau, Braeden
Leete, Regan
Levine, Taylor
Norman, Delaney
Parente, Carley
Patel, Dhruvi
Pearson, Blake
Pearson, Elena
Pfeiffer, Olivia
Pinto, Gabriella

Reynolds, Benjamin
Ricardo, Marissa
Rivera, Sheyenne
Rossicone, Paige
Salani-Bathija, Tara
Senerchia, Hanna
Stone, Makenna
Toto, Olivia
Yarnall, Paige

HH 9TH GRADE

Beardsley, Alyssa
Bogardus, Grant
Brindisi, Dradon
Bureau, Shelby
Candelora, Ava
Capasso, Chelsey
Chasanoff, Ryan
Cotton, Alexa
Cucchiarelli, Patrick
D'Amico, Cecelia
DeSisto, Nicolas
Falcioni, Nico
Gambardella, Ava
Gambardella, Sophie
Heffernan, Carolyn
Higgins, Nathan
Johnson, Charles
Juniver, Tessa
Kamienski, Payton
Katz, Avery
Park, Mia
Rojas-Ojeda, Luisa
Sabine, Daniel
Shadman, Alexander
Teodoro, Alexa

HONORS 12TH GRADE

Blomster, Lily
Bonaldo, Nicholas
Bureau, Karlee
Capasso, Tyler
Cirivello, Emily
Cucinotta, Sally
D'Aria, Vincenzo

D'Onofrio, Bianca
DeSisto, Isabella
Despres, Kayla
Fassett, Connor
Ferrucci, Aiden
Glenn, Mackenzie
Jarmie, Connor
Kwalek, Rachel
Lavorgna, Amanda
Lucibelli, Luke
Lucibello, Sean
Michonski, Jonathan
Mitchell, Dylan
Mone, Sabrina
Mongillo, Alexa
Montesanto, Marissa
Mott, Izabella
Palmieri, Teresa
Pollock, John
Pompano, Janessa
Powers, Jetta
Raymond, Nathaniel
Ricardo, Julia
Rispoli, Hanna
Rosiak, Madison
Roth, Tyler
Schimelfanick, Kara
Singer, Grace
Smola, Ava
Spayd, Jenna
Stoddard, Paul
Sullo, Gianna
Torres, Dakota
Vanacore, Noah
Waligroski, Alyssa
Wheeler, Christopher

HONORS 11TH GRADE

Aguiar, McKayla
Armin, Jessica
Amendola, Ashlee
Barile, Alyssa
Beardsley, Bryce
Burwell, Mackenzie
Butler, Carly
Canelli, Jadon
Colavolpe, Bella
Colburn, Jaiden
Coyne, Connor
Criscuolo, Charliana
DaCunto, Jonathan
DeFrancesco, Trent
DellaCamera, Sophia
DeLoughery, Mia

DeWitt, Daisy
Didiano, Giacomo
DiMeo, Dylan
Duffy, Dylan
Dunphy, Kyle
Esposito, Alena
Evans, Summer
Fabish, Paige
Fortier, Isabelle
Frandsen, Justin
Garrett, Jillian
Gott, Onna
Graver, Summer
Hughes, Zoe
Laucella, Kelsey
Leete, Conor
LeMere, Alex
Lucibello, Adrianna
Manner, Kaila
McCormack, Emily
Miconi, Jada
Nuzzo, Amanda
O'Brien, Jamison
Olson, Emily Anna
Piercey, Erica
Podoloff, Jake
Provencher, Hunter
Rice, Leslie
Riggione, Christina
Sellitto, Andrew
Serenson, Emma
Taylor, Ella
Vecchio, Krista

HONORS 10TH GRADE

Ackerman, Lauren
Anderson, Ryan
Belbusti, John
Brennan, Robert
Burke, Saoirse
Camejo, Genesis
Cassista, Tara
Cavalier, Christopher
Chopus, Jake
Cosenza, Mitchell
Damiani, Maya
Danz-Manner, Ashton
DeSena, Dane
Hills, Isabella
Langlan, Charles
Marcarelli, Lexi
Marra, Grace
Melillo, Kate
Monde, Ryan

Nye, Morgan
Pollock, Catherine
Pujols, Cynthia
Rosiak, Timothy
Rossicone, Jalen
Saldutti, Jake
Scalia, Dominic
Sorrentino, Liam
Spinelli, Francesco
Stakaj, Franceska
Teodosio, Demetrios

HONORS 9TH GRADE

Ananiatis, Dayna
Annunziato, Nina
Barone, Gabriella
Beecher, Nicholas
Betzner, Bridget
Burwell, Dylan
Carbone, Carmela
Carroll, Spencer
Collins, Jason
Defaranos, Elias
Dolzani, Robert
Farrell, Ally
Gallagher, Stephanie
Garrett, Cameron
Geist, Aidan
Izzo, Eric
Langelo, Dominick
Manning, Ashley
Mansi, Heather
Martone, Isabella
McDermott, Victoria
McIntyre, Cameron
Molleur, Anastasia
Nero, Antonio
Olson, Jonathan
Onofrio, John
Powell, Carly
Provencher, Mason
Raffone, Paul
Raymond, Maiah
Riordan, Mea
Rispoli, Jake
Rojas, Cristian
Serenson, Tyler
Sim, Paulynna
Tranquilli, Nathan
Trudeau, Emma
Vincent, Vada
Wang, Marissa

Come Support
North Branford High School's
Project Graduation 2020!
\$10 per person
Tickets are available while they
last in the parish office at St. Ambrose
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CARD PARTY
FRIDAY, MARCH 6
SNOW DATE MARCH 7
ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM
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NBIS PERIOD II HONORS

GRADE 8 HH

Augur, Collin Joseph
Barrett, Logan James
Bredbury, Lillian
Cahill, Jack Sawyer
Carusone, Christiana
Cassella, Nicholas
Criscuolo, Keana
D’Aria, Samantha
DeFrancesco, Joseph
DePino, Lucian
Dion, Taylor Grace
Dodge, Lauren Nicole
Fico, Gianna Raye
Goodmaster, Marco
Holzer, Callie
Karpel, Brooke Lyn
Kundrath, Jordan
Kunz, Lin, Sabrina
Lucibello, Morgan
Lucibello, Natalia
Maley, Jack Joseph
Martinik, Brady
Mascari, James
Mone, Patricia

Mullins, Kiley Anne
Munck, Cassandra
Onofrio, Lindsey Ann
Patel, Jay Alpesh
Pearson, Nicolas
Peterson, Lars
Pinette, Leah Reese
Prato, Matthew
Senerchia, Gabrielle
Sigal, Elizabeth
Small, Noelle
Tynes, Bianca
Vogt, Lucy
Waligroski, Brinley
Wilson,Desiree
Yacono, Mia
Yeager, Nina
GRADE 7 HH
Albrecht, Noelle
Allen, Noah Patrick
Amendola, Ashley
Amin, Makaila
Anderson, Kyle
Ardito, Lily

Artaiz, Mercedes
Battista, Isabella
Cahill, Olivia
Caso, Nicolas Joseph
Colantonio, Cassidy
Collett, Carys
Danner, Nathan
DeLucia, Ryan
Durkin, Kaleigh Rae
Esposito, Benjamin
Esposito, Shane
Falcioni, Alexa Jai
Ferraro, Samantha
Forslund, Brianna
Galasso, Gregory
Graver, Kara Ellen
Hannan, Mary Susan
Hills, Adriana Marie
Krebs, Marley
Mann, Julia Rose
McCullough, Giana

McMillen, Erin Shea
Melillo, Karma Angel
Melillo, Samantha
Mercuriano, Edmund
Merry, Natalie
Monde, Jack Robert
Onofrio, Isabella
Onofrio, Julianna
Ozoria, Arianna May
Papa, Anthony
Patel, Preet Chirag
Regino, Nicolette
Sadlon, Ana Carol
Scalia, Matthew
Schmidt, Alivia
Segui, Gioia
Spanier, Sofia Bean
VanDerMaelen,
GRADE 6 HH
Aiken, Bree
Albrecht, Danielle
Bliven, Alyssa Jean
Bliven, Gary Taylor
Brezicki, Jayden
Brockett, Jack
Brustman, Leah
Burke, Madelyn
Carbone, Santino

Carusone, Justin
Cioffi-Smith, Chase
Cioffi-Smith, Riley
Comfort, Terasa
Connelly, Tyler
Cucchiarelli, Jack
DeFelice, Madelyn
DeFrancesco, William
DePino, Payton Hope
DiStefano, Madison
Esposito, Alexa
Evans, Ariana Ann
Gage, Sebastian
Goodmaster, Michael
Haeckel, Jason
Heffernan, Tyler John
Iamunno, Benicio
Intravia, Luca
Klouman, Matthew
Kowalewski, Kaylee
Lacroix, Cameron
Longo, Brandon John
Ludington, Sofia
Marino, Alyssa
Nastri, Jamie Love
Navarrete, Cassidy
O’Brien, Charles
Papa, Samantha
Pienkosz, Olivia
Poston, Jacob Logan
Raymond, Caleb
Ryszczyk, Ava Diana
Saulino, Luca Aniello
Savo, Myrissa Avery
Schreiner, Jakub
Sherman, Aiden
Sigel, Anthony
Sorrell, Sophia
Sudusky, Kyle Joseph
Tam, Loretta Harriana
Tang, Meghan
Traill, Gavin Ian
Venturini, Leo Patrick
Vitarisi, Lauren
Westefeld, John
GRADE 8 HONORS
Bailey, Katelyn
Blomster, Luke John
Brustman, James

Carofano, Joseph
Carter, Gianna
Chittenden, Aidan
DeCola, Luke
Doody, Jalynn Andrea
Ferrucci, Te’a Nicole
Gamble, Gianna
Gott, Samuel
Herassme, Joelle
Jacobs, Joseph Patrick
Johns, Jake Cozzi
Koltypin, Jacob
LeBeau, Patrick Neil
Medina, Thomas
O’Brien, John
O’Brien, Mikella
Olsen, Christopher
Ramada, Peter Joseph
Riordan, Michael
Smith, Avery Leigh
Sommo, Gianni
Stadolnik, Emma
Stoddard, Jacqueline
Stoner, Connor
Sweeney, Jillian
Toto, Sophia
Vongher, Frederick
GRADE 7 HONORS
Aneiro, Christina
Cepeda, Raul
Chopus, Justin
Cosgrove, Jason

DeFrancesco, Alexa
Dievert, Larson
Famiglietti, Nico
Frost, Kevin
Godoy, Noah Tomas
Haines, Madelyn
Hannan, Catherine
Hansen, Thomas
Higgins, Joshua
Hoskins, Mallory
Izzo, Tanner James
Kamienski, Daytona
Kundrath, Kyle Mark
Lamot, Joanna
Levison, Brandon
Manske, Griffin
Meneo, Jeremy
Minnocci, Brody
M i n o r - L u q u e n o ,
Angel
Nuzzo, Megan
O’Connor, Jason
Palmieri, Grace
Proto, Natalia Grace
Rodican, Andrew
S a l a n i - B a t h i j a ,
Sameer
Sandagata, Antonio
Sinski, Kyla Lynn
Tagliatela Potts, Aiden
Tropiano, Dante
Vongher, Miles

Yu, Archie
GRADE 6 HONORS
Apuzzo, Joseph
Brindisi, Marcus
Brittell, Avery
Budd, Michael
Cantore, Taylor
Carafeno, Brooke
Ciampi, Luca Ray
Connelly, Ariana Shay
Criscio, Jamesl
Dodge, Tyler Daniel
Falcigno, Nico Matteo
Foley, Caden Joseph
Fries, Alana Danielle
Gage, Skylar Lynn
Jara, Wilson Abel
Jara, Wilyan Hernan
Kuczynski, Madison
Landino, Luca Joseph
Leonard, Gwen Nora
Maher, Nicholas
Page, Alden Patrick
Palasiewski, Arianna
Palma, Massimo
Piercey, Christopher
Preiss, Emma Louise
Riordan, Zachary
Sarenas, Benjamin
Urbina, Mateo
Valente, Jonna Nicole

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Victoria DeNegre was named to the Dean’s List at Southern Connecticut State University.
Christopher Callender was named to the Dean’s List at Quinnipiac University.
Michael Pino was named to the Dean’s List at Salve Regina University in Newport, CT.



Mrs. Lacroix and the North Branford High School Dream team volunteered at the annual Jerome Harrison School Wellness Fair. (Submitted by HS Principal Todd Stoeffler)

Congratulations

National Field Hockey Coaches Association has named the National Academic Squad and the North Branford High School Field Hockey Team has placed a record number of students on this prestigious list.

Congratulations to; *Ava Galdenzi, Avonlea LeBeau, Izabella Mott, Melanie Norton , Emily Olson, Alyssa Waliogroski, Sophia Anastasio, Gabby Gibilisco and Emma Serenson.*

North Branford Class of 2020 Project Graduation Fundraiser

\$1000. Voucher

to Southwest Airlines

\$5.00 per ticket - 5 tickets for \$20.00

Drawing to be held, Sunday, March 1, 2020

Winner Need not be present

For tickets call Becki & Kevin Glenn

kbjmglen@yahoo.com

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ACTIVITIES

KIDS HULA HOOP STAR

Who: Ages 6 - 12
When: March 3 - March 24
Time: Monday, 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Fee: \$60 Hoops are provided
Instructor: Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla
Description: Join Kailey for an exciting hula hoop class! We will explore the world of hooping through play and movement. Learn how to hoop, play interactive games, and have fun. This class will foster creativity, improve balance, social skills, motor skills, and coordination.

ADULT HOOP DANCE FIT

Who: Ages 13+
When: March 3 - March 24
Time: Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$60 Hoops are provided
Instructor: Kailey, Owner of Hipnotic Hoopla
Description: Hoop dance is a fun low impact, total body workout and anyone can do it! Not to mention you burn 7 calories per minute. We will focus on the basics of hula hooping through mix of fitness and dance. You will be amazed at what you can do with the right sized hula hoop and a professional instructor by your side. Join us to strengthen your core, improve flexibility, build confidence, relieve stress and have fun! No experience is needed.

YOGA TO RELEASE THE WEEK

Who: Ages 13+
When: March 12 - April 30
Time: Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: Appropriate for all ages and levels. A fluid (vinyasa) class taught with basic foundation poses, alignment and options for the beginner students, as well as, seasoned practitioners. This class will focus on releasing the stress of your busy week in both the mind and body leaving all students with more space to breathe, ease in their body and calm in their mind. All classes will be specifically designed to the students' needs who are attending.

GENTLE YOGA

Who: Ages 13+
When: March 13 - May 1
Time: Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: A gentle yoga class designed to softly open tight areas of the body while strengthening muscles and reinforcing balance. Breathing and relaxation techniques will be taught to assist in releasing stress and finding mental clarity. Much of this class is taught on the floor with very little transitioning between standing and sitting. The use of props serves to make the yoga poses more accessible to those attending the class. This class is supportive of people working with injuries or chronic conditions. This practice is suitable for all ages and levels.

KIDS YOGA

When: March 14 - May 2
Time: Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$75
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga Staff
Description: Kids are introduced to the practices of yoga through creative play, movement, games, music and postures. This fun filled class teaches children the foundation of yoga on and off the mat. This practice is structured in a way to balance their physical, mental and sensory needs. Benefits of children's yoga include: helps teach self-regulation, aids in focus, supports self-esteem, assists with stress, builds confidence, builds strength and flexibility. Parents are welcome but not needed.

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 - Monday - Friday, 12:00 p.m.

Check out the menu at www.nbrecreation.com

Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am



Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.

Now going to Shoprite twice a month!



Never miss a monthly newsletter and sign up for email or snail mail delivery (snail mail \$8 for the year).

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents

Please call by 9am

BUS TRIPS

Ireland Great Hunger Museum/Genwood drive In

Friday, February 28, 10:30, \$7 res / \$12 nr

Ireland's Great Hunger Museum at Quinnipiac University investigates the Famine and its impact through art. Lunch on your own at Glenwood.

ACTIVITIES

Senior Health Fair, Wednesday, February 26, 10:00am, FREE

Nursing students from SCSU are returning to provide information on heart healthy living, diet, exercise and better balance.

Who wants to solve a mystery?

Do you enjoy a good crossword puzzle, Sudoku, or reading a good mystery? Are you an armchair detective, a board game enthusiast, a fan of the crime genre? This new group may be just what you are looking for.

It will be a 3 month biweekly program that will exercise mental agility while having fun with friends.



Please sign up at the front desk if you are interested.

The Arm Chair Detectives



Curious what TAI CHI is all about? Try one class for FREE!

INTRODUCTION TO SENIOR TAI CHI

Instructor: Martin Reichgut, MD

Marty will use the flowing, meditative movements of this ancient Chinese martial art to improve balance, strength, endurance, flexibility, coordination, concentration, and memory. He will demonstrate how we can use Tai Chi's self-defense strategies to reduce our stress and protect ourselves from the repeated assaults of everyday life.

The session runs until March 4

Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Fee: \$40

Presented by East Shore Health Department

*****NEW** Beginning In February "HOT TOPICS"***

***The last Monday of every month at 10:30am, at the Senior Center
Let's help the nurse educators decide what topics are "Hot" for you.***

Monday, February 24, 10:30am, FREE

The East Shore Health District Nurse Educators will present this month's The Hot Topic, Climate Change and how it effects our health. This month's topic is Climate Change and how it affects your health.

We are looking for Camp Counselors for Kids Camp!!

Looking for a summer job?

Stop by the STW Community Center
and pick up an application!

Camp begins June 22! (Must be 16+)

Please submit applications by April 10th

**THE SPRING/
SUMMER 2020
BROCHURE WILL BE
IN YOUR 3/6
TOTOKET TIMES!!**

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. www.hopeag.com Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am at St. Monica Church, Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). We celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00am. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's as well as Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; MACM office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Bradley, 203-525-6846.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September – May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

North Branford Congregational Church

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Seating at 5:30 PM

Please join us for our original Chicken Pie with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and coffee. Tickets - \$18 per person, children 7-14 - tickets \$9 each and no charge for children under the age of 5.

To reserve tickets or any questions please call Carol Sabia at 203.208.2944.

Continuing Community Workshops

Are you feeling overwhelmed with the needs of the world? Do you want to help people in need? All are invited to join us for our continuing community workshops every Thursday from 3 – 5 p.m. (new time) to work on projects that help the less fortunate. During the past year we have helped vulnerable children, the homeless, families of service members, senior citizens, school children and others. Drop in for part of the time or come for the full two hours. Stop in once or come every week. The workshops are ongoing. It is heart warming to see the community come together to help with these projects.

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Rt. 22 and Rt. 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. The church is mission driven, self-governing, and child safe. We want to help the less fortunate, and we welcome all to join us in helping others. Like us on Facebook.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

The community is encouraged to come and enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner to help raise funds for Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart.” The dinner at 5:30 p.m., Sat., Mar. 14, is limited to 50 people in the church's social hall. Take-out dinners can be picked up at 4:30 p.m. if ordered in advance. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, dessert, coffee, and tea.

The **deadline for reservations and advance payment is March 7.** Adults are \$18 and children under age 12 are \$10. For reservations and questions, call 203-234-7794 (Peter) or 203-484-0794 (Aloha). Checks payable to Northford Congregational Church should be mailed to: Peter Jenkin, 32 Fieldstone Ct., North Haven CT 06473-2892, before the Mar. 7, deadline. All meals must be paid for in advance.

The historic Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website: www.northfordcongregational.church Note new email address: northfordcc@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church

Ash Wednesday - February 26, 2020

Ash On Your Dash. On your way to work know that you can stop at the North Branford Congregational Church, between 7:00 – 8:15 AM to receive your ashes. Then enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut so that your body and spirit it will be filled with good things as you start on your spiritual Lenten journey.

Our Ash Wednesday Evening Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM.

Ash Wednesday Worship at St. Andrew

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, “the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford” will celebrate the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship on Feb. 26th, at 7:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's is located at 1382 Middletown Avenue, Northford. All are welcome! For more information, contact Nan Monde at 203-710-7005.

“A PATHWAY THROUGH GRIEF”

March - November 2020

Wednesdays 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Co-Sponsors

North Haven Funeral Home
& Hamden Miller Senior Center

North Haven Funeral Home is offering four (4) eight (8) week bereavement support programs MARCH – NOVEMBER. This program is designed to provide comfort and counsel for those who have lost a loved one and are finding it difficult to cope with their loss.

Together, we will embark on an eight week journey to rediscover that we can, once again, have peace and joy.

Please join us on this journey!

(There is no cost to participation)

For Information please call: Jean M. Hadley (Facilitator)
203-433-4552

Women's Fellowship

North Haven Congregational Church

North Haven Congregational Church invites church members and the public to join the Women's Fellowship in a St Patrick's Celebration on Saturday, March 7, at 6:00 pm in the church's Carroll Hall, 28 Church Street, North Haven. A corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings and dessert will be served. Special, surprise entertainment will be part of the event. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$5 for children under 12; they can be purchased by calling the church office (203-239-5691). Tickets must be purchased no later than March 1. Those who are interested in TAKEOUT should purchase their dinners before March 1. Pick up will be at **5 pm** on the day of the dinner. This Women's Fellowship fundraiser supports organizations in the community, such as the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen in New Haven.

Bible Study & The New Testament

We hope everyone who wants to keep growing in Christ will join our NBCC guide, Jennifer, as she helps us explore “The New Testament”.

We meet every first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the chapel of North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford. Any questions please email Jennifer at bellmad1@aol.com

North Branford Fire Department

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

ATTENTION ALL RENTERS

If you rent or lease a room, apartment, condo or house, the Owner/Landlord is responsible for all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. They are to provide working detectors for you.

Any problems, call the Fire Marshal’s Office. 203-484-6016

Make smoke alarms work for your safety

Smoke alarms are the residential fire safety success story of the past quarter century. Smoke alarm technology has been around since the 1960s. But the single-station, battery-powered smoke alarm we know today became available to consumers in the 1970s, and since then, the home fire death rate has been reduced by half.

Important: Working smoke alarms are essential in every household. It is necessary to practice home fire drills to be certain everyone is familiar with the smoke alarm signal, and to determine if there are any obstacles to a quick and safe evacuation (including the inability for some to awaken to the smoke alarm signal).

Installation and maintenance tips

- **Install smoke alarms on every level of your home**, including the basement, making sure that there is an alarm outside every separate sleeping area. New homes are required to have a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and all smoke alarms must be interconnected.
- Don’t install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.
- Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers, or other decorations could keep the alarms from working.

A life-saving test: check your smoke alarms regularly

- **Test your smoke alarms once a month**, following the manufacturer’s instructions.
- **Replace the batteries in your smoke alarm once a year**, or as soon as the alarm “chirps” warning that the battery is low. Hint: schedule battery replacements for the same day you change your clocks from daylight savings time to standard time in the fall.
- **Replace detectors every 10 years**, new technology makes the old ones obsolete. New detectors have less false alarms and alert to an actual fire quicker.
- Never “borrow” a battery from a smoke alarm. Smoke alarms can’t warn you of fire if their batteries are missing or have been disconnected.
- **Don’t disable smoke alarms even temporarily**. If your smoke alarm is sounding “nuisance alarms,” try relocating it farther from kitchens or bathrooms, where cooking fumes and steam can cause the alarm to sound.
- Consider installing smoke alarms with “long-life” (10-year) batteries.
- Plan regular fire drills to ensure that everyone knows exactly what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Hold a drill at night to make sure that sleeping family members awaken at the sound of the alarm. Some studies have shown that some children may not awaken to the sound of the smoke alarm. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs.
- If you are building a new home or remodeling your existing home, consider installing an automatic home fire sprinkler system. Sprinklers and smoke alarms together cut your risk of dying in a home fire 82 percent

Questions and Additional information:

Call the fire marshal’s office with any questions at 203-484-6016
Or e-mail at: deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com

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203-215-9447 (TEXTS OK)

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Deadline to Order March 20th


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Monday Night Mah Jongg

Are you interested in playing American Mah Jongg? Monday Night Mah Jongg at the the Edward Smith Library is for those looking for someone to play the game with, or a group of players looking to join. Some previous knowledge or experience is required, but you don't need to be a pro. Beginners are welcome. Although this is not an instructional group, members will be more than willing to give pointers while playing. Bring some friends to join and a good attitude, spread the word the more the merrier! Monday Night Mah Jongg starts Monday, March 2nd and will meet every Monday from 6-8pm at the Edward Smith Library in Northford. Fore more details, please call the Smith Library at 203-484-0469.

Free Tax Assistance Program

The Edward Smith Library in Northford is offering a free tax assistance program, every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, February 3rd through April 13th, from 1:00-4:00pm. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, people with disabilities, or limited English speakers who need help in preparing & filing their own tax returns. Assistance will be on a first come, first served basis. Please bring the following items with you:

- ~A current picture ID card and Social Security card, along with any Social Security cards for dependents
- ~Last year's tax return
- ~All tax documents showing income and potential deductions

NARFE Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, March 2, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Jane Ferrall, Executive Director, Aging at Home, Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers of Greater New Haven.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. For information: <http://www.narfe.org>.

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MAR 1

1:30PM

**SMITH
LIBRARY**

Patriots of Liberty by Patty Carver. A one-woman musical presentation bringing 4 noted women of Am. history to life: Betsy Ross, Deborah Sampson, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Amelia Earhart

MAR 14

9:45-2:30

**SMITH
LIBRARY**

10th Annual Puzzle-Off. Teams of 4-9 members compete to be the first to complete a 1000-piece puzzle. You can register as an individual or as a team. There will be an hour lunch break. Register by calling (203)-484-0469. Snow date March 28th

MAR 18

6:30PM

**ATWATER
LIBRARY**

Local author Janet Barrett returns to discuss her new book, Comanche & His Captain: The Warhorse & the Soldier of Fortune. Against the fury of the Civil War, she tells the intertwined stories of the tough mustang Comanche and Capt. Myles Keogh

MAR 21

2:00PM

**SMITH
LIBRARY**

Titanic for Dummies author & University of New Haven Prof. Stephen Spignesi presents a fascinating illustrated lecture about the most famous shipwreck in world history. Register by calling 203-484-0469

FEB 29

1:00PM

**ATWATER
LIBRARY**

KIDS! Stuffed Animal Sleepover Party. Bring your favorite stuffed animal to our sleepover party. Enjoy songs, stories, a craft & refreshments. Your stuffed animal will stay the night & sleep at the library! Then join us March 1st at 1pm for a tea party

WED

10:30AM

**SMITH
LIBRARY**

KIDS! Baby & Me. Join us Wednesdays for a playful morning of songs, bouncy rhymes, reading along to fun board books and sharing ideas about parenting issues. For babies birth to 18 months

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**10:30 M, TH
4:30 WED**

**ATWATER
LIBRARY**

KIDS! WeeRock Toddler Time. Join Miss Donna for a playful 30-minute session of music and movement, fingerplays, songs and stories! For ages 6 months-5 years. No registration

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